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PROTEIN BASED TNF- $\alpha$   
VARIANTS FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF TNF- $\alpha$   
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Since copies of these references were provided either by Applicants or the Examiner in the following related U.S. Application, Serial No. 09/798,789, filed March 2, 2001, upon which the instant application relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copies of these references are enclosed.

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As required by M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b), Applicant notes that the present application is related to the following patent applications: (1) U.S.S.N. 09/058,459, filed April 10, 1998 (now Pat. No. 6,188,965); (2) U.S.S.N. 09/127,926, filed July 31, 1998 (now Pat. No. 6,269,312); (3) U.S.S.N. 09/714,357, filed on November 15, 2000; (4) U.S.S.N. 09/812,034, filed March 19, 2001; (5) U.S.S.N. 09/827,960, filed April 4, 2001; (6) U.S.S.N. 09/837,886, filed April 18, 2001; (7) U.S.S.N. 10/057,552, filed January 25, 2002; (8) U.S.S.N. 09/419,351, filed October 15, 1999; (9) U.S.S.N. 09/782,004, filed February 12, 2001; and (10) U.S.S.N. 09/927,790, filed August 10, 2001.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

As far as is known to the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, within three months of the date of entry of a national stage, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and therefore no fee is required. The Commissioner is

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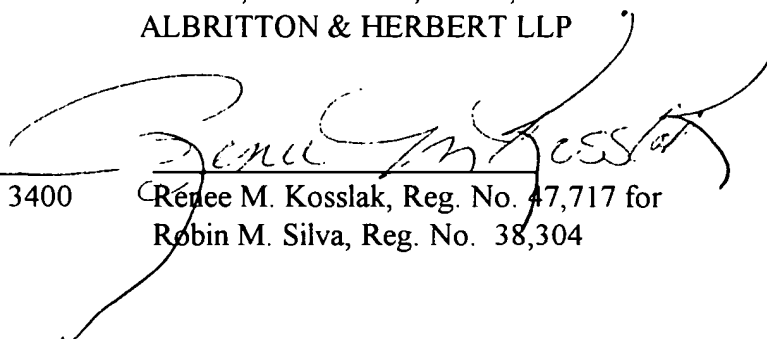
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